

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| IN RE THE APPLICATION OF | ) |                         |
| Berton L. Vicars         | ) | Examiner: Lee, Kevin L. |
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| SERIAL NO: 10/764,902    | ) | Art Unit: 3753          |
|                          | ) | Confirmation No.: 2637  |
| FILED: January 26, 2004  | ) |                         |
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| FOR: Suction Valve       | ) |                         |

Commissioner for Patents  
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- [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.
- [x] Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the first month after the due date of August 8, 2006. The payment to cover the one month extension may be deducted from Applicant's Deposit Account 12-0913.

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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The present communication responds to the Final Office Action mailed May 8, 2006. The response is accompanied herewith by a petition and the payment of the one month extension fee to have the response considered after final. The extension fee may be debited from Applicant's Deposit Account 12-0913.

Presently, there is a single claim, claim 1 that is pending. The present communication amends claim 1. The amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

No amendments are made to the specification.

No amendments are made to the drawings.

The remarks begin on page 4.